

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) An aluminum alloy with excellent decorativeness, having a composition represented by the general formula  $Al_aMg_bMn_cCr_d$ , wherein b, c, and d are, in mass percentage,  $3.0 \leq b \leq 5.6$ ,  $0.05 \leq c \leq 1.0$ ,  $0.05 \leq d \leq 0.7$ ,  $c + d > 0.2$ , and a is the balance with unavoidable impurity elements ~~possibly~~ optionally being contained, wherein a matrix of the aluminum alloy is a structure substantially composed of an aluminum solid solution, in which no  $\beta$ -phase is present, and wherein the aluminum alloy contains no compound having a particle size of greater than 5  $\mu m$ .

Claim 2 (Original) The aluminum alloy with excellent decorativeness according to claim 1, wherein b, c, and d are, in mass percentage,  $4.3 \leq b \leq 5.2$ ,  $0.05 \leq c \leq 0.7$ ,  $0.05 \leq d \leq 0.5$ , and  $c + d > 0.2$ .

Claim 3 (Original) The aluminum alloy with excellent decorativeness according to claim 2, wherein b, c, and d are, in mass percentage,  $4.5 \leq b \leq 5.0$ ,  $0.2 \leq c \leq 0.7$ ,  $0.1 \leq d \leq 0.3$ , and  $c + d > 0.2$ .

Claim 4 (Original) The aluminum alloy with excellent decorativeness according to claim 1, wherein  $c + 3.2d \leq 1.25$ .

Claim 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) The aluminum alloy with excellent decorativeness according to claim 1, wherein the aluminum alloy contains ~~a compound~~ compounds having an average particle size of 200 nm to 5  $\mu$ m and ~~a precipitate~~ precipitates having a particle size of no more than 100 nm.

Claim 7 (Original) The aluminum alloy with excellent decorativeness according to claim 1, wherein an anodic oxide film formed on the aluminum alloy by anodizing has a lightness of at least 55, as indicated by an  $L^*$  value, which is a lightness defined in JIS Z 8729.

Claim 8 (Original) The aluminum alloy with excellent decorativeness according to claim 1, wherein the aluminum alloy has a hardness Hv of at least 125.

Claim 9 (Original) The aluminum alloy with excellent decorativeness according to claim 1, wherein the aluminum alloy has a cold workability of at least 55% in terms of fractional reduction in cold upsetting height.

Claim 10 (Original) An aluminum alloy with excellent decorativeness, wherein the alloy according to claim 1 is used for at least one slide fastener constituent member selected from the group consisting of elements, stoppers, a pull tab, and a slider.

Claim 11 (Original) An aluminum alloy with excellent decorativeness, wherein the alloy according to claim 1 is used for at least one selected from the group consisting of snap buttons, ordinary buttons, and clasps.